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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Information Collection Being Submitted for Review and Approval to the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections.

Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS FROM PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER]**. If you anticipate that you will be

submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contacts below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB, via email Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov; and to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov. Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the "Supplementary Information" section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418-2991.

To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) go to the web page <<http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>>, (2) look for the section of the Web page called "Currently Under Review," (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the "Select Agency" box below the "Currently Under Review" heading, (4) select "Federal Communications Commission" from the list of agencies presented in the "Select Agency" box, (5) click the "Submit" button to the right of the "Select Agency" box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the OMB control number of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0770.

Title: Sections 61.49, Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers, CC Docket No. 94-1; Fifth Report and Order, FCC 99-206 (New Services)

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 13 respondents; 13 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirements.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in 47 U.S.C. sections 151, 154(i), 154(j), 201-205, 303(r), and 403.

Total Annual Burden: 130 hours.

Annual Cost Burden: \$10,985.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: No information of a confidential nature is requested. However, respondents may request materials or information submitted to the Commission to be withheld from public inspection under 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission's rules.

Needs and Uses: In an August 1999 Fifth Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Pricing Flexibility Order), FCC-206, CC Docket Nos. 94-1 *et al.*, 64 FR 51280 (Sept. 22, 1999), the Commission permitted price cap local exchange carriers (LECs) to introduce new services on a streamlined basis, without prior approval or cost support requirements. The Commission eliminated the public interest showing required by section 69.4(g), and, except in the case of new loop-based switched access services, eliminated the new services test required by sections 61.49 (f) and (g). The information submitted by price cap LECs will be used to determine whether their proposed rates for new loop-based switched access services are in the public interest and whether they meet the new services test.

The Commission has eliminated references to sections 1.774, 61.55, 61.58, 69.707, 69.13, and 69.729

because, based on further review, these sections are not applicable to this information collection and were inadvertently included in previous submissions. Also, these rule sections already have PRA coverage under collection 3060-0760.

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